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Docket No.: 81862P160

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JOHN ELLIS, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/499,871

Filed: February 7, 2000

For: **RE-ROUTING CONNECTIONS USING
REDUNDANT PATH CONNECTIONS AND
LOOPBACKS**

Art Group: 2663

Examiner: Min Jun

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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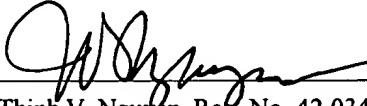
In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully
Petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to January 09,
2004, from the Final Office Action dated September 09, 2003. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and an
Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being
abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is
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Respectfully submitted,

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